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SUBJ: PAKISTAN TIMES NUCLEAR REPROCESSING EDITORIAL

1. THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT WAS THE SUBJECT OF AUGUST 10'S LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PAKISTAN TIMES. THE ARTICLE NOTED PNA LEADER NAWABZADA NASRULLAH KHAN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT IF THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE COMES INTO POWER AFTER THE ELECTIONS, IT WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE REPROCESSING PLANT.

2. THE ARTICLE RECOUNTS US HESITATION OVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT RECALLING THAT US OPPOSITION HAD LENT CREDENCE TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S ALLEGATIONS THAT THE US WAS BACKING A CONSPIRACY TO TOPPLE HIS REGIME. IT MENTIONS PRESS COVERAGE WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY IMPLIED THAT US EFFORTS TO STOP CONSTRUCTION WERE MAKING HEADWAY INCLUDING AN ARTICLE IN THE CURRENT EDITION OF TIME MAGAZINE WHICH CLAIMS THAT, BECAUSE OF PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL INSTABILITY, THE FRENCH HAVE DELAYED ACTIVITY ON THIS PROJECT.

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3. NASRULLAH'S STATEMENT, ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, NOW MAKES IT CLEAR TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE THAT A CONSENSUS FAVORING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT CURRENTLY EXISTS IN PAKISTAN. THE WRITER ALSO HOPES THAT "IF MR. JOSEPH NYE REALLY PAID THAT VISIT" (SEE ISLAMABAD 8124), HE WILL TAKE THE SAME MESSAGE BACK TO WASHINGTON.

4. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT IF NON-PROLIFERATION IS TRULY THE GOAL OF THE UNITED STATES THEN IT SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THE SAFEGUARDS PLACED ON THE PLANT AS WELL AS FRENCH AND GERMAN GURANTEES THAT THEY WILL CEASE EXPORTING NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. IF THE US IS SINCERE IN ITS PROFESSIONS, WHY DOES IT CONTINUE TO SUPPLY NUCLEAR FUEL FOR THE TARAPUR PLANT AND NOT MOVE TO DISMANTLE ALREADY EXISTING REPROCESSING PLANTS? THE UNITED STATES, THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES, HAS NEITHER " A MORAL NOR A POLITICAL LEG TO STAND ON."
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